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Hello, FDA,

I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The agency's *voluntary* labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect my health, the environment, and my right to know. I fully support and request the following:

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing.

If the FDA does not mandate that GE foods be labeled, as the consumer, I will have to assume that unless a product is labeled NON-GMO, it does contain genetically engineered food ingredients.

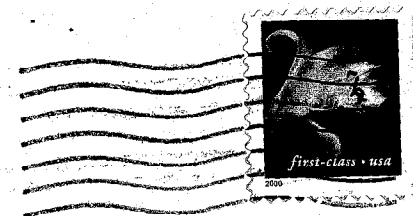
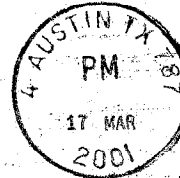
Thank you for your consideration to my requests.

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